

# NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS SERVICES DIVISION

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**Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule:** Mississippi Code: Title 37 Education § 37-13-80

**Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule:** N/A

**Date Rule Proposed:** February 16, 2007

**Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:** Mississippi Code: Title 37 Education § 37-13-80 was responsible for the creation of the Office of Dropout Prevention. The legislation also requires school districts to implement a dropout prevention program approved by the Office of Dropout Prevention by the 2008-2009 school year. The State Dropout Prevention Plan seeks to accomplish three overarching goals: 1) to increase the graduation rate to 85% by 2018-2019; 2) to reduce the state dropout rate by 50% by 2012-2013; and 3) to reduce the statewide truancy rate by 50% by 2012-2013. Using the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network's 15 Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention as its framework, the State Plan discusses the seven implementation goals and seven critical components necessary to achieve the overarching goals.

**The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.**

☐ An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date: {Insert Date}  
Time: {Insert Time}  
Place: {Insert Place}

☒ An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

**The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and**

☒ This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

☐ This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

☐ The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:  
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and  
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

**Effective Date of Rule:** March 16, 2007

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Sheril R. Smith, Director, Office of Dropout Prevention  
**Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing**